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SUBJECT: NATO STUDY ON THE USE OF WARNING TIME

REF: USNATO 7080

1. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR
OF TURKEY TO NATO, ORHAN ERALP, TO SYG LUNS ON SUBJECT, RE
PO/74/161.

BEGIN TEXT

WITH REFERENCE TO THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFER-
ENCE (TOR) OF JOINT STUDY GROUP ON THE USE OF WARNING TIME,
I SHOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES ARE
OF THE OPINION THAT PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE TOR SHOULD RECOGNIZE
NOT ONLY "...THE CURRENT VERSION OF MC 161" AS GUIDANCE
REGARDING THE DURATION OF WARNING TIME, BUT ALSO THE FORTH-
COMING VERSION OF THE SAME DOCUMENT, BECAUSE THE DELIBERATIONS
OF THE WORKING GROUP AND THE DECISIONS IT COULD REACH
SHALL PROBABLY OCCUR AT A TIME IN THE FUTURE WHEN "THE CURRENT
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MC 161" WILL HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY ITS SUCCESSOR.

AS YOU KNOW, IN THE COURSE OF THE RECENT MEETINGS OF
THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE DPC BOTH THE TURKISH CHIEF OF

GENERAL STAFF AND THE TURKISH MINISTER OF DEFENCE EXPRESSED THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WARNING TIMES FORESEEN IN PARAGRAPHS 7 AND 12 OF MC 161/74 ARE "LESS THAN 48 HOURS" IF NOT NON-EXISTENT. CONSEQUENTLY, DURING THE PREPARATION OF MC 161/75 WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO HAVE THIS UNDERSTANDING REFLECTED UNEQUIVOCALLY IN THE SAID DOCUMENT.

THEREFORE I PROPOSE THAT THE WORD "VERSION" IN THE FIRST LINE OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE TOR BE DELETED AND REPLACED BY "...AND 1975 VERSIONS..."

I AM SENDING COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE DPC. END TEXT.

2. MISSION ANTICIPATES EARLY DPC DISCUSSION OF AMBASSADOR ERALP'S PROPOSAL, TOGETHER WITH AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S LETTER TO SYG ON SUBJECT: (REFTEL REFERS). MISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE TURKISH PROPOSAL PROVIDING THAT THE STUDY ON THE USE OF WARNING TIME IS NOT DELAYED PENDING A COMPLETE REVISION OF MC 161.

ACTION REQUIRED. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY JANUARY 14.
BRUCE

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